

UPCYCLE TOM 2026

Upcycle TOM 2026 invites Hillcrest Elementary students to create collaborative artworks inspired by Tom Thomson's *Wildflowers* using recycled and repurposed materials. This project, led by the Tom Thomson Art Gallery and Owen Sound Waste Watchers, promotes creativity, sustainability, and community engagement. Please review the guidelines and attach the completed form to your class artwork. This year, the project is generously supported by Community Foundation Grey Bruce, helping us offer a Family Night at the TOM and expand the exhibition into River District storefront displays.



CLASS PROJECT

Create a class artwork inspired by Tom Thomson's *Wildflowers* using only recycled or repurposed materials. Upcycling encourages students to reduce waste and think creatively. Your piece may include painting, collage, sculpture, drawing, or mixed media.

ART SUBMISSION RULES & GUIDELINES

- Use only the provided class canvas as your artwork base.
- Materials must be fully recycled, reused, or single-use plastics (e.g., Bottle caps, cardboard pieces, egg cartons, popsicle sticks, yarn scraps, fabric/denim scraps, buttons, plastic lids, and magazine or coloured paper scraps).
- No new materials may be purchased—collect items from home, school, or outdoors.
- Please follow standard safety precautions when collecting materials (wash items and wash hands after handling).
- A completed Class Submission Form must accompany the artwork.
- Deadline: Artwork must be finished and ready for pickup on Friday March 6, 2026.
- Finished artworks will be displayed at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery (April 1–30, 2026) and in River District storefronts (May 1–31, 2026), with a special family night event on Tuesday April 28, 2026 from 5-7pm.



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Class Submission Form

Name of Teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade Level: _____

Artwork Title: _____

Explanation of Artwork (max 200 words):

Please describe the materials used and how your creation relates to Tom Thomson's artwork Wildflowers.

Artwork Photography Permission and Copyright Release

By submitting artwork to the Upcycling TOM Project, you grant permission for the Tom Thomson Art Gallery (TOM), the City of Owen Sound (COS), and Owen Sound Waste Watchers (OSWW) to photograph and use images of the artwork for promotional purposes, including but not limited to websites, printed materials, and social media. This release is given without expectation of compensation. I understand and agree to the terms of this release, and I acknowledge that I am granting permission for the unrestricted use of images.

Teacher's Name (Print): _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

Please email a high-quality image of your completed artwork along with this submission form to Heather McLeese at hmcleese@tomthomson.org by **March 6, 2026**. **Important Dates:**

Artwork Completion Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026

Artwork Pickup Date: Friday, March 6, 2026

Display and Reception Dates: April 1-30, Family Night on April 28, 2026 – 5-7pm Tom Thomson Art Gallery

Questions? Refer to QR link to access more details on this project. Thank you for participating in this year's **Upcycle TOM Project**. We look forward to showcasing your students' creativity and celebrating the beauty of nature through art. Please securely attach the submission form to the back of your class artwork using tape.

